



KEY MILESTONES

OCTOBER 1989

EM created as the Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management

JUNE 1996

PUREX deactivated, becoming the first large-scale deactivation of a nuclear processing facility in the U.S.

JULY 1997

First radioactive waste storage tank closed at the Savannah River Site

MAY 1999

First shipment of waste received at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

OCTOBER 2005

Rocky Flats Site closed

OCTOBER 2006

Fernald Site closed

JANUARY 2008

Mound Site closed

AUGUST 2019

Physical Completion of Separations Process Research Unit at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory

THANK YOU FOR 30 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Colleagues,

Over the last 30 years, the Office of Environmental Management (EM) has completed cleanup at 91 of our 107 nuclear sites across the country, with only 16 remaining on our cleanup list. The accomplishments at these sites speak to the ingenuity, commitment, and passion of the EM workforce. Over 20,000 federal workers and contractors consistently rise to the occasion to tackle the legacy of nuclear research and weapons production, and have been integral to the office's success.

As we celebrate 30 years of hard and valuable work, we recognize a dedicated workforce that embraces a willingness to tackle first-of-a-kind challenges to leave a legacy better than one we inherited. We hope that each of you feels a sense of pride in the role that you've played. EM's workforce remains vital to our ongoing progress, and leads the world with its commitment to cleaning up the Cold War legacy in a manner that will keep us safe in the decades to come. I look forward to continuing to work with you as we safely advance the largest environmental cleanup operation in the world.

With appreciation,

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overseeing the Office of Environmental Management